

# CLARION

NOVEMBER 2023

FROM PASTOR'S DESK



## Just a Minute with... Pastor Mike

As we approach the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving and Christmas, often times we spend some time reflecting on what has happened in our lives the past year. The following story touched my heart as I did that "reflecting." Perhaps, God will use it to touch your heart as well.

Sandra felt as low as the heels of her shoes as she pushed against a November gust and the florist shop door. Her life had been easy, like a spring breeze. Then in the fourth month of her second pregnancy, a minor automobile accident stole her ease.

During this Thanksgiving week she would have delivered a son. She grieved over her loss. As if that weren't enough, her husband's company threatened a transfer. Then her sister, whose annual holiday visit she coveted, called saying she could not come. What's worse, Sandra's friend infuriated her by suggesting her grief was a God-given path to maturity that would allow her to empathize with others who suffer. "She has no idea what I'm feeling," thought Sandra with a shudder. "Thanksgiving? Thankful for what?" she wondered aloud. For a careless driver whose truck was hardly scratched when he rear-ended her? For an airbag that saved her life but took that of her child?

"Good afternoon, can I help you?" The shop clerk's approach startled her. "I... I need an arrangement," stammered Sandra. "For Thanksgiving?" "Do you want beautiful but ordinary, or would you like to challenge the day with a customer favorite I call the Thanksgiving Special?" asked the shop clerk. "I'm convinced that flowers tell stories," she continued. "Are you looking for something that conveys 'gratitude' this Thanksgiving?" "Not exactly!" Sandra blurted out. "In the last five months, everything that could go wrong has gone wrong." Sandra regretted her outburst, and was surprised when the shop clerk said, "I have the perfect arrangement for you."

Then the door's small bell rang, and the shop clerk said, "Hi Barbara...let me get your order." She politely excused herself and walked toward a small workroom, then quickly reappeared, carrying an arrangement of greenery, bows, and long-stemmed thorny roses. Except the ends of the rose stems were neatly snipped...there were no flowers. "Want this in a box?" asked the clerk. Sandra watched for the customer's response. Was this a joke? Who would want rose stems with no flowers?! She waited for laughter, but neither woman laughed. "Yes, please," Barbara replied with an appreciative smile. "You'd think after three years of getting the special, I wouldn't be so moved by its significance, but I can feel it right here, all over again," she said as she gently tapped her chest.

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"Uhh," stammered Sandra, "that lady just left with, uhh... she just left with no flowers!" "Right... I cut off the flowers. That's the Special...I call it the Thanksgiving Thorns Bouquet." "Oh, come on, you can't tell me someone is willing to pay for that?" exclaimed Sandra. "Barbara came into the shop three years ago feeling very much like you feel today," explained the clerk. "She thought she had very little to be thankful for. She had lost her father to cancer, the family business was failing, her son was into drugs, and she was facing major surgery." "That same year I had lost my husband," continued the clerk, "and for the first time in my life, I had to spend the holidays alone. I had no children, no husband, no family nearby, and too great a debt to allow any travel." "So what did you do?" asked Sandra.

"I learned to be thankful for thorns," answered the clerk quietly. "I've always thanked God for good things in life and never thought to ask Him why those good things happened to me, but when bad stuff hit, did I ever ask! It took time for me to learn that dark times are important. I always enjoyed the 'flowers' of life, but it took thorns to show me the beauty of God's comfort. You know, the Bible says that God comforts us when we're afflicted, and from His consolation we learn to comfort others." Sandra sucked in her breath as she thought about the very thing her friend had tried to tell her. "I guess the truth is I don't want comfort. I've lost a baby and I'm angry with God." Just then someone else walked in the shop.

"Hey, Phil!" shouted the clerk to the balding, rotund man. "My wife sent me in to get our usual Thanksgiving arrangement...twelve thorny, long-stemmed stems!" laughed Phil as the clerk handed him a tissue-wrapped arrangement from the refrigerator. "Those are for your wife?" asked Sandra incredulously. "Do you mind me asking why she wants something that looks like that?"

"No...I'm glad you asked," Phil replied. "Four years ago my wife and I nearly divorced. After forty years, we were in a real mess, but with the Lord's grace and guidance, we slogged through problem after problem. He rescued our marriage. Jenny here (the clerk) told me she kept a vase of rose stems to remind her of what she learned from "thorny" times, and that was good enough for me. I took home some of those stems. My wife and I decided to label each one for a specific "problem" and give thanks to HIM for what that problem taught us." As Phil paid the clerk, he said to Sandra, "I highly recommend the Special!"

"I don't know if I can be thankful for the thorns in my life." Sandra said to the clerk. "It's all too...fresh."

"Well," the clerk replied carefully, "my experience has shown me that thorns make roses more precious. We treasure God's providential care more during trouble than at any other time. Remember, it was a crown of thorns that Jesus wore so we might know His love. Don't resent the thorns." Tears rolled down Sandra's cheeks. For the first time since the accident, she loosened her grip on resentment. "I'll take those twelve long-stemmed thorns, please," she managed to choke out.

"I hoped you would," said the clerk gently. "I'll have them ready in a minute." "Thank you. What do I owe you?" asked Sandra. "Nothing." said the clerk. "Nothing but a promise to trust God to heal your heart. The first year's arrangement is always on me." The clerk smiled and handed a card to Sandra. "I'll attach this card to your arrangement, but maybe you'd like to read it first." It read:

*"Dear God, I have never thanked you for my thorns. I have thanked you a thousand times for my roses, but never once for my thorns. Teach me the glory of the cross I bear; teach me the value of my thorns. Show me that I have climbed closer to you along the path of pain. Show me that, through my tears, the colors of your rainbow look much more brilliant." – Author Unknown*

Have a blessed Thanksgiving Holiday from all of us...

Pastor Mike, Stacey, Clayton, and Cooper Meyer



## FROM THE OFFICE



Any information you need put into our weekly **NEWS & NOTES** needs to be submitted to the office by **NOON** on **WEDNESDAY** of each week.

Any information you'd like put into the **CLARION** is due to the office by **NOON** on the **15th** of every month.

The church office will be **closed** in observation of Thanksgiving:

Thursday, November 23

Friday, November 24



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### **FOOD PANTRY**

**Tuesday-Friday**

**2 pm- 4 pm**

### **PASTOR'S CARE FUND**

**Thursday & Friday**

**2 pm- 4 pm**

### **GENERAL OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday-Friday**

**9 am - 4 pm**



## **PINOCHLE**

**Friday, November 10th** will be our next date for playing cards. Hopefully you have your calendar marked and will be ready to help set up at 6:00 pm and get cards in your hand for play at 6:30. Don't forget to bring a little something to share for a snack. Looking forward to seeing everyone and perhaps a few new faces!

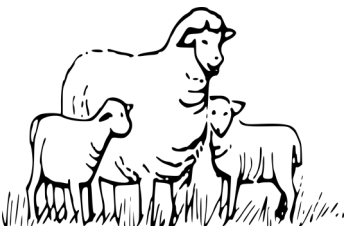


## **CHURCH BUS**

We offer rides to our Sunday services in the church van. The van does **NOT** have wheelchair access so riders will need to be able to get in and out with a hand from the driver. We are looking for drivers to help with this ministry as well. If you could help even one or two Sundays a year it would be greatly appreciated! If you are interested call or text Ted Reinker at (409) 750-9633.

## **ENDOWMENT FUND**

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church has an *Endowment Fund* which receives gifts and bequests that are invested in long-term high-quality stocks, bonds, and CD's. The interest, dividends and unrealized long-term gains of which can be used to support Christian Education, Outreach Programs, Scholarships (seminarians), capital Building and Ground improvements, Youth programs, Church Music, Technology and Building Fund(s). The income from these investments can also be used, with Voter approval to support ministry projects such as Grants for world mission projects, Mid-South District projects, Disaster Relief projects and grants to LMCS colleges and affiliated ministries' principle or the original gifts are not used to support the afore mentioned activities but only the capital gains and interest, the principle remains to continue producing additional monies to support Holy Trinity Lutheran Church growth and teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH



## **PDO Celebration Month**

Mark your calendars! We will be having a month of celebration for our Parents' Day Out program in February 2024! Early plans are to have a flower garden with flowers made by the children that the congregation can purchase, a food social, photos of PDO's activities, along with their wish list for the year. We are still in the planning stages, but stay tuned and join us in February!



### **Operation Christmas Child**

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organization. Our mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. We ship these simple gifts outside the US to children affected by war, poverty, natural disaster, famine, and disease; and to children living on Native American reservation in the United States. The Youth and Outreach Ministry teams are working together once again to support OCC. Want to help? Shopping lists with suggested gift ideas are on the Outreach board. We will also take donations and do the shopping for you...Please designate OCC on any donations you put in the offering plate. All are welcome to join the packing party which will be held in early November. All donations need to be dropped off at church **by October 31st**. Thanks for your support!



### **New Members**

We were excited to welcome the following folks as new members of our church family in October!

*Welcome!*

#### **Nicole Barnes**

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### **Unity Sunday**

We have our November Unity Sunday and Voters' Assembly scheduled for **Sunday, November 19th**. Holy Trinity Youth Group will be providing their HTY Café for lunch!



8:45 am - education  
10 am - worship  
11:30 am - HTY Cafe  
12 pm - Voters' Assembly





## **Sunday School**

We are excited to announce that our classrooms are growing! Our average attendance has increased from 7 to 16! What a blessing! If your child has not had the opportunity to join us on Sunday mornings, we'd love to have them! We begin at 9:30am in the Chapel with prayer pal groups led by our high school students, followed by an offering and then dismiss to small groups based on age. Currently, our elementary kids are studying the Foundations of Faith and our middle school to high school kids are studying the Life of Jesus.

- Pre-K: PDO room with Leah O'Ryan
- 1st - 4th grade: Chapel with Valerie Trammell
- 5th & 6th grade: Nook by classroom 6 with Heather Stottlemeyer
- 7th & 8th grade: Classroom 4 with Amy Wright
- 9th - 12th grade: Youth room with Abbey Griffin & Valerie Gust

The kids will be singing in worship on Sunday, November 12th! Rehearsals will be during the Sunday School hour.

Calling all performers, narrators, and musicians! We are beginning planning for our Christmas Program. The Children's Christmas Program will be Wednesday, December 20th. Rehearsals for the program will be every Sunday at 9:30am beginning on Sunday, November 19th. If you'd like your child to participate please make sure they are there on November 19th or send me an email or text so that we can assign roles accordingly!

If you are interested in being on our substitute teacher list, please contact me! Our teachers are amazing, but scheduling conflicts do arise and we would love your help!

Blessings,  
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Use this QR Code to register for  
2023-24 Sunday School



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HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH ROGERS

# Advent 2023

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8 AM - WORSHIP  
9:30 AM - EDUCATION  
10 AM - WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

10 AM - WORSHIP  
5:30 PM - SOUP SUPPER  
7 PM - WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8 AM - WORSHIP  
9:30 AM - EDUCATION  
10 AM - WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

10 AM - WORSHIP  
5:30 PM - SOUP SUPPER  
7 PM - WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8 AM - WORSHIP  
9:30 AM - EDUCATION  
10 AM - WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30 PM - SOUP SUPPER  
7 PM - CHILDRENS' SERVICE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

10 AM - WORSHIP  
7 PM - CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

10 AM - WORSHIP

*Join us!*





# HOLY TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

# P D O Parents' Day Out



The PDO children and teachers are getting settled into their new routines and forming classroom communities. The infants and toddlers of the Caterpillar Classroom are learning songs like "This Little Light of Mine" and "Jesus Loves [insert child's name]." They are also having some seasonal fun, painting leaves and pumpkins and exploring Halloween themed sensory bins, complete with colored rice and plastic spiders! The children of the Butterfly Classroom have been exploring letter D, listening to Robert McClosky's Make Way For Ducklings, playing with ducklings in sensory bins,

and tasting doughnuts. Children in the Firefly room investigated a pumpkin, feeling and smelling its guts and roasting the seeds, making a crunchy snack. The children are also loving their Chapel Time with Pastor Mike and Pastor Longman.

With your generous donations we were able to purchase large, 4-seat strollers so the infant-toddler teachers can take the children out to the playground more easily. We also bought a little playhouse that the children just love. As we observe the patterns of play and interests of the children, we will add more to the playground. We are changing our playground plan based on what the children seem to love.



If you feel moved to donate to our program, we could always use more art supplies like markers, heavy paper, paint, squeeze bottles and large ink pads with washable ink. We could also use items for an afterschool program we're planning: small legos for the older children, magnatiles and floor puzzles.

We could also use volunteers to hold babies! The Caterpillar Room can get busy.

Thank you for your continued support for our ministry to the children and their families!





# When Myth Became Fact



*Theology and history go hand in hand in the real person of Jesus Christ, making the truth of the Gospels profoundly human and powerfully meaningful.*

You've probably heard the common accusation that Christians believe a myth, that the "Jesus of Easter faith" (with its Virgin Birth, miracles, resurrection, and ascension) is the stuff of legend and does not belong to the portrait of the historical Jesus. This accusation is intended to negate Christian truth claims *because* they are mythical. By labeling the core Christian message regarding the Incarnation as myth (thus exposing the superstitious and fraudulent nature of Christian belief), gainsayers look to drive moderns to their right mind, that is, into the mindset of agnosticism, deism, or atheism which, as the thinking goes, totally repudiate myths and other such folklore, fantasies, and fairytales.

C.S. Lewis was once challenged by his friend Cornelius on the connection between Christian beliefs about Jesus and myths that seemed to expose such beliefs as the stuff of legend. Lewis pondered that if Cornelius is right and there *are* mythical elements in the Gospel accounts, then why would Christians still insist on teaching the biblical narrative about Jesus "in terms of an archaic mythology which must hamper and embarrass them at every turn?" Lewis further wondered, "Why do they refuse to cut the umbilical cord which binds the living and flourishing child [i.e., the Church community and the social good it does] to its moribund mother [i.e., the myths of the Gospels that undermine it]?" [1] One would have thought that modern Christians would have abandoned this embarrassment and got on with the ethical teaching of Jesus *without* the Virgin Birth, atonement, resurrection, and ascension.

But Lewis came to recognize, like many before him, that Christianity can not be understood apart from its mythical framework and that myth is an important form of communication through symbols. In other words, rather than being a defeater argument to dismiss the Incarnation as a core Christian belief, mythology reinforces its legitimacy.

By myth, Lewis means a story that purports in some sense to be historical and which encapsulates and reinforces the strongly held beliefs of the community that tells it. Fairytales do not purport to be historical and, therefore, are not properly mythic. It is simply make-pretend storytelling. Serious myths, on the other hand, are regularly expressed not only in narrative but also in symbol and action. Symbols and action are powerful and meaningful ways to convey the subject narrated. For example, much of how we understand, interpret, and engage the United States is filtered through "the myth of America." It includes ideas like American Exceptionalism melded with the Pilgrim's historical and legendary "errand in the wilderness" to build "a city on a hill." [2] It includes mythical figures like George Washington, Ben Franklin, and Thomas Jefferson, who are now larger-than-life figures in American culture and identity, notwithstanding recent iconoclasm. But the mindset of Americans that comes from the "myth of America" wouldn't endure the rigors of hard-edged historical scrutiny. If the mythical aura is erased, then there would be nothing left but a colorless, meaningless voter-state. In part, this accounts for why the icons, the myths of America, are attacked and defended. Understand that the mythic element is inseparable from the historical reality (the actual persons, the confirmed events), and you have what was really and truly extraordinary now infused with meaning and significance. Lewis explains: "In the enjoyment of a great myth, we come nearest to experiencing as concrete what can otherwise be understood only as an abstraction" (*God in the Dock*, 66).

[This is a crucial point. Myth, like poetry, may *better* convey reality than abstractions or factoids. Through myths, truth becomes dynamic.

In thinking about this, it's natural to ask, "Is Christianity then a myth like Gilgamesh or Jason and the Argonauts or Inanna and Dumuzi?" But that question misses the most important point: While Christianity certainly follows the "age of the myths of the gods" in terms of chronology, it does something totally different by importing symbols and actions into something that is truly historical. Hercules did not exist. Jesus really did. But the power of Hercules (as the destroyer of Hydra, etc.) was legendarily meaningful and augments the context and content of the powerful things Jesus did and represented in his person. Mythology infuses the historical verity of the Incarnation with a dimension immediately recognizable to those of Biblical faith.

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"Yes," says the modern person, "But did it all happen or did it not?" Today, we want "just the facts" without reference to cultural allusions, metaphors, locations, contexts, characters, and actions. Did it all happen or not?

The idea of myth upends that kind of binary thinking. The Biblical text resists binary reading, too. Theology and history cannot be separated in the Gospels. The Gospels import the power, symbol, and meaning of myths into what is reported as historical facts concerning a real historical figure, Jesus of Nazareth. Jews recognized the miraculous. Gentiles discerned the legendary. Lewis offers his clearest thoughts here:

Now, as myth transcends thought, Incarnation transcends myth. The heart of Christianity is a myth, which is also a fact. The old myth of the dying god, without ceasing to be myth, comes down from the heaven of legend and imagination to the earth of history. It happens — at a particular date, in a particular place, followed by definable historical consequences. We pass from a Balder or an Osiris, dying nobody knows when or where, to a historical Person crucified (it is all in order) under Pontius Pilate. By becoming fact, it does not cease to be a myth: that is the miracle. [3]

Lewis restates what Christians have believed, taught, and confessed: the Christian assents to the historical fact and also receives the myth (though it has become fact). What became fact in Christianity previously was a myth in other cultures. Jesus Christ carries with him into the world of historical fact all the properties of a myth. Christ is more than Isis or Ra, not less. By extension, the God disclosed by Jesus is more than Zeus, not less. And it is here that Lewis makes his strongest point:

We must not be ashamed of the mythical radiance resting on our theology. We must not be nervous about 'parallels' and 'Pagan Christs': they *ought* to be there — it would be a stumbling block if they were not. We must not, in false spirituality, withhold our imaginative welcome. [4]

What points of contact would there be with first-century auditors, both Jew and Gentile, if pre-existing myths did not resonate with the Christian proclamation of the historical Jesus? Moreover, the imagination of people for thousands of years to this very day with superheroes and sky-gods seems to anticipate something along the lines of what the apostles reported, except their report was in keeping with the long history and narrative of Israel. Nothing could be more miraculous and yet expected, extraordinary and commonplace. If Christianity was not reporting something that smacked of the things of myth, then it could hardly be that which occurred "in the fullness of time." John would not be pleading with us to believe that "these things were written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing have life in his name." Christianity is not going for a corner of your heart or to be motivational in your life. The foundational claim of Christianity is that Jesus is the Lord of heaven and earth, life and death, the living and the dead; he is the Alpha and the Omega. In other words, it is going for the entire lot — from creation to the end of the world, and only myths carry that kind of cultural import. Christianity grounds myths in the real — the fact of Jesus and his redeeming life. Jesus is the miracle, and the myth melded to time, space, people, and place.

There is no reason, then, for a Christian to recoil when our beliefs about Jesus are associated with myths properly understood. When challenged with this charge, our answer should be, "Naturally. Did you expect anything less?" Christianity does not offer anything less or even the same. It offers so much more because it grounds the story of God in Christ reconciling the world to himself not "a long, long time ago in a galaxy far, far away," but rather over there (Judea), among them (the Jews and Romans), at that time (the reign of Tiberius Caesar), in this manner (representative life, atoning death, and resurrection) and with these implications (salvation for mankind and lordship over all). Theology and history go hand in hand in the real person of Jesus Christ, making the truth of the Gospels profoundly human and powerfully meaningful.

[1] C.S. Lewis, *God in the Dock: Essays on Theology and Ethics* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 1970), 63.

[2] See Perry Miller, *Errand in the Wilderness* (Cambridge, MA: Belknap Press, 1956).

[3] Lewis, *God in the Dock*, 66-67.

4] Lewis, *God in the Dock*, 67.

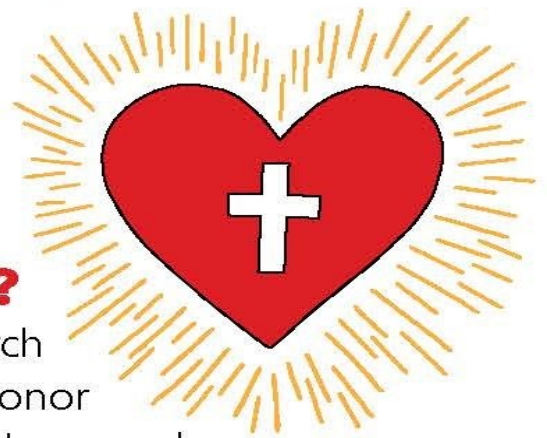


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**KIDS IN THE  
DIVINE SERVICE**  
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### **What is “All Saints’ Day”?**

All Saints’ Day is the day during the Church Year that we celebrate, remember and honor all of those who have died with faith in Jesus and are now with Him in heaven.

### **Why do we celebrate All Saints’ Day?**

The word “saint” comes from the Latin word *sanctus* which means “holy” or “sacred.” Saints are God’s holy people. We thank God for the saints who have gone before us because of their great example of faith and God’s great mercy in their lives!

### **Do you have to die to be a saint?**

No way! All of God’s faithful people are His saints! We were washed clean of our sins at our Baptism and made holy before God. That’s what it means when we hear God’s Word say: “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Rev. 7:14). Isn’t it great to know that it is not what we have done that makes us a saint, but what Jesus has done for us through His death and resurrection? He gives all of this to us through Baptism. He is the one who makes us a saint!



**Parents:** Talk to your children about those in your own family who have died in the faith. Explain that they are now with Jesus in heaven. Remind them that this is a fulfillment of God’s promises at our Baptism.





# ALL SAINTS DAY



THAT  
WE LIKE THEM  
IN HOLINESS  
MAY LIVE  
AND DIE  
IN YOU

# FEED MY SHEEP

**September 2023**

*Food Pantry Statistics*

Total Households = 31 (110 people total)

Adults (18-60) = 62

Children (0-17) = 38

Senior Citizens (61+) = 10

Other (*Unknown*) = 0



# PASTOR'S CARE FUND

**September 2023**

*These disbursements are from money designated for the Pastor's Care Fund. Your contributions bring a tremendous relief to your neighbors who are in difficult circumstances.*



Total Households = 10

Utility Help = 10

Rent/Mortgage = 0

Motel = 0

Transportation = 0

# November

## Birthdays

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- |  |  |   |
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| 1 Ione Kauffeld<br>Chloe Bracht<br>Katelynn Robeson  | 10 Krista Malone<br>Mason McCarty  | 18 Steve Dodge<br>Jake Jones  |
| 2 Madison McCarver<br>Cheri Lindner<br>Allen Winters | 11 Katalina Bailey   | 19 Makayla Michaelson   |
| 4 Maggie Tang<br>Lesley McCarver                     | 12 Stephany Franco   | 20 Melinda Miller   |
| 5 Matthew Sij<br>Jan Sij                             | 13 Richard Haddock   | 21 Dave O’Ryan  |
| 8 David Heintz<br>Ila Teeter<br>Nancy Budensiek      | 14 Lucy O’Ryan<br>Sharon Davis<br>Bob Frye<br>Laurie Raffel                            | 24 Ava Reimers<br>25 Wendy Uduhiri<br>26 Phyllis Von Holdt<br>27 LeRoy Meyer<br>Von Von Holdt |
| 9 Travis Bracht<br>Kerry Knowlton<br>McKenzie Mayer  | 15 Kendall Faust<br>16 Tommy Black<br>17 Cathy Person<br>Wendie Ferguson<br>Dean Eisma | 29 Kevin Kirby<br>30 Liam Scott<br>Marcia Black<br>Judy Bankhead<br>Adriann Fanning           |
|  | 18 Daniel Ball<br>Joe Bublitz  |   |

## Anniversaries

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|---|------------------------------|
| 7 Dennis & Verlee Scheel                        | 21 Charles & Natalie Scott   |
| 16 Jesse & Charly Essner<br>Jay & Julianna King | Kurt & Lori Sij              |
| 21 Joe & Barbara Raleigh                        | 27 Rev. John & Cheri Lindner |



# SERVING IN NOVEMBER 2023



**NOVEMBER 5**  
**(ALL SAINTS)**

**NOVEMBER 12**  
**(PENTECOST 24)**

**NOVEMBER 19**  
**(UNITY SUNDAY)**

**NOVEMBER 26**  
**(SUNDAY OF FULFILLMENT)**

**READERS**

8:00 AM	SABRINA ISBELL	JOHN AUGUSTINE	--	MARY FREVERT
10:45 AM	REV. JOHN LINDNER	PAM PICKETT	JEANNE MEYER	WALT HEYNE

**GREETERS**

8:00 AM	RICH RUMPF & MARIAN VENENGA	DEAN & NANCY EISMA	--	RAY ESCHENBURG & KAREN LAUNDERVILLE
10:45 AM	BRENT & LIBBY GARNER	LEE & ELAINE LANDAUER	JOHN & KATHLEEN THOMPSON	SKIP & TONI SHANE

**MEDIA**

8:00 AM	DONNA WINTERS	BETH KIKOEN	--	JENA EISMA
10:45 AM	--	ZACHARY GUST	DAVID HEINTZ	ZACHARY GUST

**STREAMING**

MAC MACGOWAN	OWEN WINTERS	MAC MACGOWAN	OWEN WINTERS
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**LEAD COUNTERS**

MAC MACGOWAN & HT MEANS	MAC MACGOWAN & HT MEANS	MAC MACGOWAN & HT MEANS	MAC MACGOWAN & HT MEANS
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**LAWN CARE**

TEAM 1	TEAM 2	TEAM 3	TEAM 4
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**ALTAR GUILD ELDERS**

BRITTANY AUGUSTINE & CATHY PERSON  
8:00 AM – CLAYTON STUDYVIN  
10:45 AM –

**USHERS**

8:00 AM – TEAM E  
(DAVE FREVERT, DEAN EISMA, KEN RADER, TOMMY BYRD, TODD KRUEMPEL)  
10:45 AM – TEAM F  
(DAVE LEHENBAUER, ROBERT CARTER, LEROY MEYER, BEN MILLER, JEAN GREGESICH)

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Holy Trinity Lutheran Church | Rogers, Arkansas

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 12 PM NEWS & NOTES DUE 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 5:30 PM CONFIRMATION	<b>2</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>3</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> <i>ALL SAINTS (OBS.)</i> <i>(FEED MY SHEEP)</i> 8 AM COMMUNION 9:30 AM EDUCATION/BELLS 10:45 AM WORSHIP	<b>6</b> <b>PASTORS' DAY OFF</b>	<b>7</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 6:30 PM ELDERS	<b>8</b> 12 PM NEWS & NOTES DUE 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 5:30 PM CONFIRMATION	<b>9</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>10</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 6 PM CARDS	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> <i>PENTECOST 24</i> 8 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM EDUCATION/BELLS 10:45 AM COMMUNION	<b>13</b> <b>PASTORS' DAY OFF</b>	<b>14</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 6:30 PM COUNCIL	<b>15</b> 12 PM NEWS & NOTES DUE 12 PM CLARION DUE 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 5:45 PM CONFIRMATION	<b>16</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>17</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 6:30 PM JOURNEYMEN CARDS	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> <i>UNITY SUNDAY</i> 8:45 AM EDUCATION/BELLS 10 AM WORSHIP 11:30 AM HTY CAFÉ 12 PM VOTERS	<b>20</b> <b>PASTORS' DAY OFF</b>	<b>21</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY	<b>22</b> 10 AM WORSHIP 12 PM NEWS & NOTES DUE 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 5:45 PM CONFIRMATION 7 PM WORSHIP	<b>23</b> <i>THANKSGIVING</i> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> 	<b>24</b> <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> <i>FULFILLMENT</i> 8 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM EDUCATION/BELLS 10:45 AM WORSHIP	<b>27</b> <b>PASTORS' DAY OFF</b>	<b>28</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 5 PM TRUNK OR TREAT	<b>29</b> 12 PM NEWS & NOTES DUE 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY 5:45 PM CONFIRMATION	<b>30</b> 2-4 PM FOOD PANTRY		